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BBC Announces Completion of Water Project

By Mick Colageo

Looking around from the middle of cold, windy farmland only a couple of football fields away from Mattapoisett's borders to neighboring Fairhaven and Acushnet, a layman would never guess he was standing on top of a regional water resource.

On Monday morning, Buzzards Bay Coalition Vice President Brendan Annett visited the land to the immediate south of Acushnet Road which, in fact, sits atop an aquifer that serves Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, Acushnet and Rochester.

The five towns, he explained, worked with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Protection Advisory Committee and with support from the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant, have struck an agreement that puts a conservation restriction on 240 acres of land sitting at that Mattapoisett location and others extending north into Acushnet and Rochester.

The mission, he stated, is to protect important land so it is not developed and will not compromise a vital source of public drinking water that lies underneath.

"We actually approached this in a way where all the (aforementioned) towns contributed some money, Buzzards Bay (Coalition) contributed some money and we were able to get state grants," he said.

What looks like some emptied-out, post-harvest farm acreage is actually a top layer of earth hiding a critical resource.

Annett said that the Mahoneys sold the coalition the land, and through actions of the Community Preservation committees in the towns that have them – plus a grant in Rochester – the coalition was able to take these steps.

While the Town of Rochester took action to participate, there has been a subsequent movement in the town among elected officials to seek further protection of their rights to water emanating from their town. Rochester has long been frustrated by the state's redistribution of water from Great and Little Quittacas ponds to the City of New Bedford without any compensation due Rochester.

The completion of the Mattapoisett River Valley Drinking Water Resilience Project includes larger and smaller parcels to the north in Mattapoisett (extending over the Acushnet and Rochester town lines.)

Annett said that through the land transfer agreement, farming will continue on some of the parcels, including the one on which he spoke Monday, but he acknowledged that the conservation restriction comes with expectations that the farming process will not include actions or ingredients that add nitrogen to the land and, ultimately, the harbor.

Henri Renauld, superintendent of the Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department, said in a press release that in working with its fellow communities and the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Mattapoisett has "once again secured and protected a section of land that will ensure the protection of the existing water infrastructure. It

On the Cover: *Buzzards Bay Coalition Vice President Brendan Annett discusses the Mattapoisett River Valley Drinking Water Resilience Project on Monday morning on farm land that sits on top of an aquifer off Acushnet Road at the west end of Mattapoisett. A conservation restriction protects 240 acres of conservation land in Mattapoisett, Acushnet and Rochester for the sake of clean drinking water in those towns, along with Fairhaven and Marion. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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will also allow for future wells to be placed within these properties to ensure our communities will have safe drinking water into the future."

According to the release, the community will soon be exploring expanded trails that connect to the coalition's Mattapoisett River Reserve trail system and enjoy activities and programming in the farm buildings at Red Brick Farm.

Town Clerk Finds Camaraderie on Job

By Michael J. DeCicco

Meet Marjorie Barrows, Marine Corp. veteran, retired U.S. Postal Service officer and since 2022, Rochester's town clerk.

It's no wonder her career path and upbringing led her to her current job. She was born and raised in Missouri, the only girl among six brothers, most of whom have served in the military. "So there's nothing I can't back down from," she said.

Barrows signed up to become a U.S. Marine at age 17, though she had to wait until she was 18 to be officially enlisted. She spent four years as a Marine at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune, married and settled in Rochester in 1980.

After leaving military service, she joined the U.S. Post Office in July of 1982, working mainly in Rochester but also spending time in the post offices in Marion, Mattapoisett and Cuttyhunk before retiring in 2016.

The last 20 of these 34 years, she said, were spent as third in the chain of command in Post Office management and even, for a brief time, Special Interim Postmaster General.

Shortly after retiring from the Post Office, Barrows went to work for Great Hill Dairy in Mattapoisett as a food preparer, then seven years in the same job for

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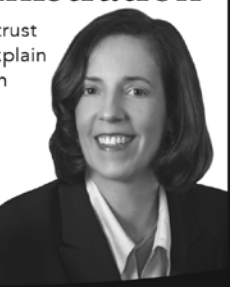

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Ocean State Job Lot. But the kind of work she did as a Marine and for the U.S. Post Office drew her back when in 2023, she saw that no one was running for Rochester Town Clerk in the Annual Town Election upon the announcement that Town Clerk Paul Dawson would retire effective in the spring.

At the time, people around town only knew her as Margie, she said. She asked a friend to put a "Vote for Marjorie Barrows" sign on her lawn, and the friend said, "Sure. But who is Marjorie Barrows?"

To become better known, Barrows wrote a letter describing herself and her background that she handed out around the neighborhoods. And she wore a "U.S. Post Office" T-shirt when she stood with her campaign signs on Election Day. The strategy worked, and she is glad it did.

Barrows said she wanted to apply for the job because "I didn't think it was a good idea to leave it as a position that the selectmen would have to appoint someone to," she said. "So I ran. And now I love it."

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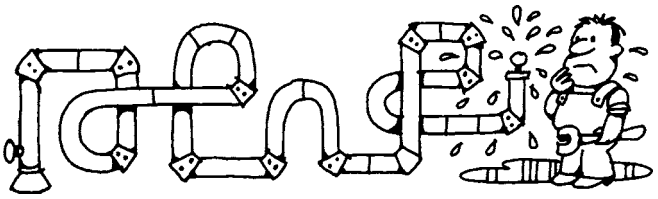

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held since May? "It's nothing I can't do. The work is the same idea as running a post office. You're taking care of important papers. You keep birth, marriage and death certificates, post meetings and correspondence responsibly."

She added, "I get huge support from fellow town clerks as a member of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association. I am not alone in this support group. I attended their conference in September, and 21 of them were new town clerks like me."

The job hasn't yielded any surprises, Barrows said. "You've got to know what you're doing," she said. "You learn, don't be afraid to ask questions and admit what you don't know. I've learned to find out answers on my own. But I can always call the former town clerk."

Barrows said she's now starting the annual Town Election paperwork, and she is not daunted by the challenge. "Everything's got to be done right. And I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a lot of work, but there's nothing I'm not willing to learn."

She said she always utilizes a lesson she learned as a Marine. When a superior officer asks a question, the proper response when you don't know the immediate answer is "'I don't know, sir. But I will find out.' And then you learn the answer, and that's another thing you've learned. I always find a way to solve a problem, answer the question."

Barrows also serves on the Rochester Council on Aging Board of Directors. Her husband is Board of Health member Dale Barrows.

And how did he react to her running for town clerk? "He said 'Go for it.' And I did."

Town Meetings

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

I missed the recent Town Meeting, again. I regret that but they are held at night and since I became old, I no longer drive at night. I've tried going with friends, but I am a stay-until-the-end kind of guy, and they often want to leave early. Also, because I am old, I have to take a half-dozen pills every night precisely at 9:00 pm, and I don't

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want anyone to see gulping down my stash in the men's room for fear they might think I was some kind of a secret addict. So, I stay at home.

Prior to the driving thing, I had not missed a town meeting in any town I lived in that held them. Town meetings go back to colonial times (I'm old but not that old) and are the purest form of democracy. Everyone gets to say their piece, trying to convince the opposition to vote for or against one viewpoint or another.

Town meetings were once held in our upper Town Hall. I can remember attending one with my father. As the story goes, because there was no elevator in the building, Bill Suzan, a big, strapping, prominent citizen, was charged with carrying an important town official, who was incapacitated, up the stairs to attend a meeting. One night after a late meeting, Suzan went home, forgetting to retrieve the official who remained stranded in the upper hall.

Whether that story is true is lost to history, but not long after, our town meetings moved to the Congregational Church Hall. (If that were today, no doubt someone would complain about separation of church and state. I guess we were more tolerant of those things back then.)

In 1961, when Old Rochester High was completed, meetings were moved to the school's auditorium where they reside still, too far to walk for village dwellers like me.

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Strange things can happen at town meetings. At one I attended elsewhere, an old timer, who everyone knew and who was familiar with the open end of a bottle, stood up to comment on some issue. He proceeded to rant about – shall I say – a minority "hiding in a wood pile."

I was shocked. Despite their political differences, every one of the 200 people in the hall stood up in protest. The moderator ruled the fellow out of order and had the police escort him out. I was proud to witness a group of Americans of differing opinions recognize that a rude, disgusting, racial slur was inappropriate. That was nearly 50 years ago! Today name calling seems to have become a bad habit in some government forums. But I digress.

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to ask when they got up to speak. The newbie would always ask why the town rented hydrants. The Water Department was an enterprise fund, which allowed them to be self-sufficient by renting the hydrants back to the town. It was sort of an initiation to be laughed at by the regulars.

Everyone would sit in the same seats year after year. There was an older couple who sat on the aisle across from me. The first time I got up to speak I overheard the woman whisper to her husband, "bet he'll ask why the town rents hydrants." She was right. The next year as I returned to my seat after speaking about something or other, I overheard her say, "that young man sure asks good questions." The following year after I made my way back from the lectern she muttered (rather loudly), "I wish he'd stop asking such dumb questions." And so, it goes.

My favorite experience at a town meeting was right here in our fair hamlet. A proposal was presented to allow a business that would be quite profitable to the owner *and* to the town, promising thousands of dollars to town coffers for virtually little effort. Such a deal! After much discussion back and forth, it looked as though it would pass overwhelmingly. And then someone asked who the business owner was. When the entrepreneur was revealed, an audible gasp was heard throughout the auditorium. Apparently, the citizens felt the town was rich enough without contributing to the person's already significant assets. Oh well.

I wish town meetings were held on Saturdays during the day. I miss the excitement.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on …." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

I Am Sick, Where Should I Go?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

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Your choices include:

The Emergency Department (ED). Pros: always open; prepared to handle just about anything acute that you may have. Cons: usually no idea who you are or your underlying health issues; very expensive – even if you have good insurance, there is usually a high copay; little continuity of care; and, unless you are critically ill, a long wait, often a very long wait.

Urgent care center. Pros: extended hours including weekends; can handle most minor emergencies; usually have X-ray and lab; less expensive than ED. Cons: Not 24/7, so be sure to check if they are open; no continuity of care; moderately expensive.

Pharmacy-based drop-in clinics, usually nurse-staffed. Pros: weekend hours; can handle most "minor" illnesses well; usually less expensive than the prior two. Cons: limited diseases that can be handled; little continuity; limited lab or X-ray available.

Your doctor's office: Pros: They know you and can generally avoid over-testing; continuity of care automatic; least expensive. Cons: limited hours; may not be able to see you quickly.

So, what should you do?

As the ubiquitous phone message says, if you are having a medical emergency, hang up and dial 911. If you are experiencing chest pain, sudden shortness of breath, severe abdominal pain or are bleeding profusely, you belong in the ED. Calling 911 will get you there more safely than driving and will assure you are seen more promptly. Ambulance patients are almost always seen before those who drive themselves or are driven. Most insurance covers emergency ambulance transport (but not "convenience" rides.)

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Dr. Ed Hoffer is the chairman of the Marion Board of Health, a graduate of MIT and Harvard Medical School. He is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard and a Senior Scientist at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Holy Ghost Reuse Committee to Meet

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

During the November 20 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, member Nathan Ketchel reported that the Holy Ghost Reuse Committee has been preparing for a public meeting. The date is currently scheduled to be January 24, 2024 to be held in the Fire Station meeting room. It is hoped that the meeting will solicit additional feedback from the residents. A survey that was posted during the late summer produced about 150 responses and a plethora of ideas.

The board also discussed when the Solar Bylaw crafted last year might reach Town Meeting floor. Ketchel

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said it could possibly be included in the warrant during the Spring Town Meeting.

Chairman Tom Tucker queried Ketchel on the status of the town's updated Master Plan, currently posted on the town's website, Mattapoisett.net. Ketchel said it is his understanding that before the document is accepted, the Select Board expressed interest in reviewing it. Tucker said he would reach out to the Town Administrator Mike Lorenco.

The singular agenda item was a Form A Not Required request from Laurel Henning. The application read in part, "Map 8, Parcel B, Lots 70 & 72 … Parcel B and Lot 70-A on Oakland Way & Lot 72-A on Foster Street, Parcel B is to be joined with Lot 65 & Parcel A on Oakland Street. Lot 70-A is a new lot with frontage on Oakland Way. Lot 72-A on Foster Street combines with remaining area with Lot 72."

Try as they may, the board members could not grasp the application as written, and it was further noted that there appeared to be "scrivener" errors. Tucker reached out to the five people logged in via Zoom, opening the application to public discussion and questioning. No one spoke.

Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering is Henning's consultant, but unable to ask questions that might clear up exactly what the applicant is planning, the board moved to take no action.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 4, at 7:00 pm.

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Barnstable Model Considered for Short-Term Rentals

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Marion Planning Board Chairman Tucker Burr polled his membership on Monday night, asking each to put into few words, if possible, why the town needs a short-term-rental bylaw and what that would accomplish. The same invitation would be extended to concerned attendees who live in usually coastal neighborhoods that they believe are being infiltrated by such.

Dale Jones said a bylaw would "prevent some people from buying up property and turning it into a rental property." He recommended restrictions within reason to require that the owner is present. "Something of this magnitude requires a subcommittee for the board to consider," he added.

"Oversight," suggested Andrew Daniel. "By having something written, it protects the community and abutting neighbors, and it also protects the owner. The goal's not a blanket statement … but how to incorporate all these things so it's not harmful to anyone but is beneficial to everyone."

Jon Henry said that expectations should be met both for the people who rent and the people who live in the area.

Eileen Marum read a letter submitted by Dr. Ed Hoffer into the record. Hoffer's letter said in part that, "the market is becoming more and more dominated by absentee owners who buy properties for such rentals. This in turn inflates property values, making homes less affordable to people who wish to live in the community. … Unless we wish to see Marion becoming like Nantucket, where billionaires and wealthy vacationers dominate, we should discourage "commercial" vacation rental. … I strongly urge the Planning Board to go on record that short-term rental be limited to 2-3 weeks/year in residential-zoned houses. This will allow residents who wish to make a little extra money when they are away to do so but block "commercial" rental.

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Marum added her own viewpoint: "If we let the air-bnb's … come in without regulation, Marion will no longer be what people come into Marion for." Marum said enforcement and limitation on short-term rentals would also protect the prospective buyers of those houses. "I would like to know how many rentals we have." Marum suggested a connection between a decline in the student population and is waiting on information from the town clerk. She said an occupancy tax would benefit the activities of the Affordable Housing Trust.

Member Alanna Nelson agreed it would be smart of the town to find a way to draw revenue from short-term rental owners.

"I think there's a big difference between someone who owns a property and rents it and someone who buys a property to rent it short term because then they're disguising a business," said member Ryan Burke. "A dwelling is a permanent habitation by one or more families. I really don't feel that a lot of these short-term rentals fit that."

Henry cautioned that a blanket approach could be stepping on the toes of associations with their own power.

Upon Burr's invitation for public participation in the conversation, several points were made for the board's consumption.

Larry Bauerlein offered that assuming associations have rules is erroneous. "They don't. Many are just collegial." He said the short-term-rental activity undermines zoning, and the town needs some sort of directive that protects the neighbors and the owners.

Ana Bauerlein added that the town needs to act "relatively quickly … now you've got situations where people who have bought houses and are already running these businesses … are going to think they are grandfathered. Sooner the better off we'll all be."

Dianne Cosman said she has a short-term rental operating next door, in back and another two doors down. "At some point, what do we want the town to look like in 10, 20 years? It's only getting worse," she said. Cosman said that under state law short-term rentals should be collecting taxes that go to the state. Then the state gives back to the town its share. A lack of policing allows

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owners of short-term rentals to circumvent the system and operate officially unnoticed. She also noted that some local owners stopped living locally because it became more profitable to make money by renting.

"I'm not against licensed businesses that do this," she said, likening the predicament to the plight of taxi drivers once companies like Uber came along.

Overall, the residents in attendance want to preserve their neighborhoods and eliminate businesses in residential areas, whether that means licensing rentals, taxing them. Some sort of tracking, they say, is necessary, in order to ensure that a house permitted for a three-bedroom septic system, for instance, is not rented out without regulation, allowing several more to use that

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Burr would like to avoid appointing a subcommittee, in part because it prevents Planning Board members from legally attending its meetings.

Barnstable and Mashpee are among towns' board members and homeowners will study in an effort to come up with the framework of a bylaw that can go before the Annual Town Meeting next spring.

Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering represented Arnie Johnson in his Pre-Submission Conference for a plan to expand his Fieldstone Farms store at 806 Mill Street. Johnson, who happens to chair the Rochester Planning Board, was in the odd seat as applicant before an adjudicatory board.

His plan is to expand his building by adding 2,044 square feet, upgrade the Title 5 septic system – he will request waivers from the Board of Health – and increase parking to 54 spaces. Fieldstone has been on the site for three years, replacing the Frigate restaurant.

Johnson will also file an Approval Not Required (ANR) application to convey a lot to Johnson Family Investments. He plans solar lighting on the corners of the parking lot on poles. The lighting will be monitored with a cell-phone app for seasonal applications and conditions, and the system will comply with Dark Sky standards.

There will be an underground infiltration for stormwater, similar to what exists now in front of the existing building with pretreatment devices prior to discharge into the infiltration beds.

One variance Johnson will seek is in lot coverage, proposed after expansion to 62% of the property. Marion's bylaw limits coverage to 40%, but 45% was previously approved on the original project. Johnson will also be asking for waivers from an environmental assessment and traffic-impact study. He said he is willing to meet with the Energy Management Committee to discuss energy usage.

The board asked him to open a 53G account of the minimum $2,000 for the town to cover expenses in initial vetting of the project. The board intends primarily to conduct a stormwater review. Otherwise, the members are largely thrilled with Johnson's business.

In two votes following the meeting's only public hearing, the board voted to allow 133 Wareham Road LLC to reduce parking from 11 to nine spaces and voted to approve site-plan review for the construction of a medical center on the site at the corner of Point Road and Route 6.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 4, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

Property Sale Questioned

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

The November 16 meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals listed Case 1527, filed by Allan Pineda for a Variance and Special Permit for property located at 33 Church Street, the former Mattapoisett Water Department office.

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The filing's public hearing was not opened. Instead, the board's clerk, Tony Tranfaglia, read a letter from Pineda which simply requested a continuance to give the Conservation Commission the opportunity to render its decision on whether project plans meet the Wetlands Protection Act or if the commission has jurisdiction.

The board unanimously voted to grant a one-month continuation, but immediately thereafter, Attorney Perry asked if he could speak in representation of abutters. Although the hearing was not open, ZBA Chairman Susan Akin granted his request.

Perry stated that the sale of the municipal property had not followed the state's procurement regulations, had not been properly appraised, had not been posted in the state's central register and that the undersized lot is not zoned for residential use and had never been used as such.

"Mattapoisett should be embarrassed," Perry stated of the manner in which the sale had been conducted. He said there were no hardships that would warrant a variance hearing and said the buyers should be made whole since the transaction was not correctly completed.

Akin said the matter would be discussed next month.

In response to The Wanderer, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said that questions regarding the property sale should be addressed to Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld, whose response was not received before this week's press deadline.

In other business, Henry Borda, 12 Linhares Avenue, filed a Variance request for the expansion of an existing shed. The Variance was granted. Tim Harding filed two Special Permit requests for two different properties, one located at 14 Marion Road and the other at 3 Oakland Street, for the construction of family-related apartments. Both permits were granted.

Christian McCullough filed a Variance for property located at 25 Cedarcrest Avenue for construction of a new single-family home on a vacant lot. The Variance was approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, at 6:00 pm.

Rentals Skirting Rules May Be Unsafe

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Short-term rentals appear to be impacting neighborhoods and could be unsafe, according to members of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust.

The committee met on November 14 and discussed this and other topics, including how to make Marion housing more affordable.

Trust member Eileen Marum said these rentals are

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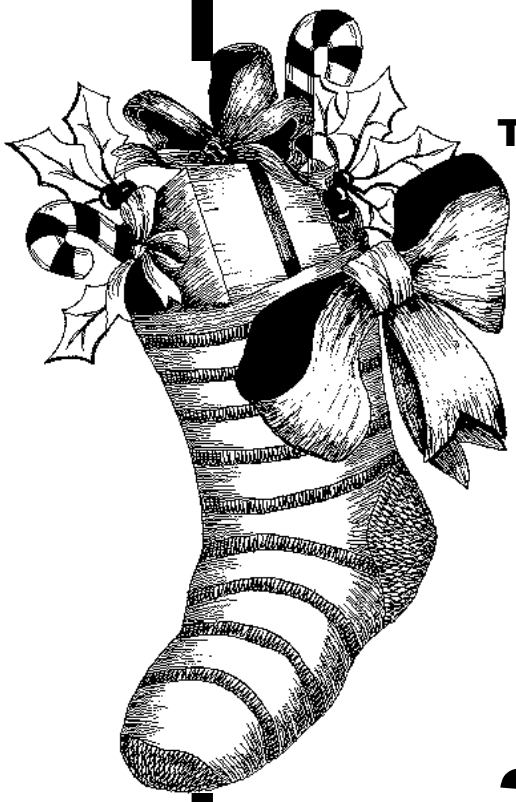

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Norm Hills, the Select Board's representative on the trust, said because there is nothing in the bylaws about short-term rentals, there is no way to enforce rules.

The town has an accessory dwelling unit bylaw but nothing pertaining to short-term rentals. Marum and Hills both mentioned that a short-term rental could bring in 10 people on a weekend for a septic system only designed for two people. There could be fire or other code violations, but local authorities would have no legal means for forcing ownership to correct them.

Hills, citing his conversation with Town Counsel, said there is no way the town can enforce issues connected to short-term rentals unless there is a bylaw on the books.

Marum also said it likely contributes to the high prices of housing these days. For instance, if 10 homes are for sale but two are set aside for short-term rentals, that drives up the housing prices for the other eight.

"It's disrupting neighborhoods," she said.

Marum recommended that a group look at some of these related issues, especially as the trust is interested in revising the ADU bylaw.

Marum also recommended that the trust get involved in programs that would help locals buy homes at a more affordable price in Marion. She suggested Department of Public Works personnel, teachers or even local nurses as candidates.

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She mentioned the town should become more involved in fuel assistance or energy savings programs for current homeowners. Marum also cited programs that help aging homeowners make their homes handicapped accessible.

Most of Marion's housing stock was built before 1970, Marum said.

In another matter, the trust expressed interest on a tax-foreclosed property on Point Road. The town could use Community Preservation Act funds and possibly work with Habitat for Humanity on a rehabilitation project on the home, which sits on a lot measuring close to half an acre.

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Member Toby Ast delivered some bad news to start the November 14 meeting, reporting that Marion's application for Mass Housing's community partnership program was declined.

The program assists communities with affordable housing planning and development. Ast said only two communities out of 12 were selected and speculated that the communities chosen have affordable-housing employees, unlike Marion.

The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust was not announced upon adjournment.

Mixed Feelings Follow MCAS

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

When it came time for members of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee to respond to the administration's presentation of the district's MCAS scores, member Margaret McSweeny made sure that despite hard work and achievement that was reported to the committee at its November 16 public meeting, the controversial subject should not be put to bed without a passionate reminder that MCAS testing's detractors will continue to be heard.

"I caution us against (regarding) MCAS (results), patting us on the back too much," said McSweeny, acknowledging the district's need to comply and thereby qualify for state funding. "But they are not representative, (confined to) narrow range of academic achievement … inherently biased by nature."

McSweeny said MCAS does not address the "whole child" and does not foster creativity. "We happen to be of a higher educational background. Doing better than the state isn't something we should be too excited about," she said, citing statistics indicating a cynicism among faculty as well. She tempered her comments by acknowledging ORR's recovery statistics, but also noted that the state spent over $151,000,000 per year on MCAS.

"It's a profitable business, something we should think about," said McSweeny. "We should be more excited about Open (Science Education) ... about our leadership."

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson thanked respective high school and junior high principals Mike Devoll and Silas Coellner and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz for her presentation, but he also acknowledged McSweeny's point, noting that MCAS is but one data point.

"For me, it's recognizing all the hard work of the students," said Nelson in his closing sentiment to the annual MCAS conversation.

There was no vote to be taken on MCAS, merely a discussion/visual presentation with graphs illustrating how ORR students fared in three basic areas, English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science, at different grade levels as measured against themselves in recent years and against state-average scores.

Fedorowicz's presentation began by highlighting statewide trends that show students in a recovery phase following adverse effects of the pandemic.

Overall, ORR Districts students consistently perform better than last year and better than the state average in ELA and Math. Grades 3-12 score 11% above the state average in ELA. ORR students' post-pandemic recovery rates are also higher, but in Science ORR has regressed from last year, albeit maintaining better grades than the state average.

Coellner told the committee that Grades 7 and 8 showed a dip from 2019 to 2021. "We were just reaching our stride, we were peaking in 2019," he said. Coellner reported that Math scores in junior high have been

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similar to ELA, but Grade 8 fell below the state average in geometry.

Devoll identified a dip at the high school from 2022 to 2023. "We are pleased with our scores," he said, qualifying that with a need to remediate weak areas. "We want them to graduate with a level of proficiency."

Fedorowicz said that Math for Grades 3-12 across the ORR District rate above the state average by 10% and better than last year. Grades 7, 8 and 10 are showing improving rates of recovery but that student growth is below the state average.

Science performance has dipped from last year. Fedorowicz pointed to the district's focus on ELA and Math coming out of the pandemic.

Committee Vice Chairperson Matt Monteiro, who ran the meeting in Chairperson Michelle Smith's absence, asked if there is a district-wide plan to address a common dip in performance. Coellner said he had prepared himself to "not do so well" and considers ORR's Grade 7-8 scores a "pleasant surprise."

Devoll said there is good news from the freshman class, which is apparently thriving on experience in what administration refers to as "Open Sci. Ed." Devoll said results indicate that contrary to some past practices, introducing topics earlier in the academic year results in better MCAS testing in June. Fedorowicz noted that "these freshmen were fifth graders in 2020." She had similarly pointed out that third graders were in Kindergarten in 2020.

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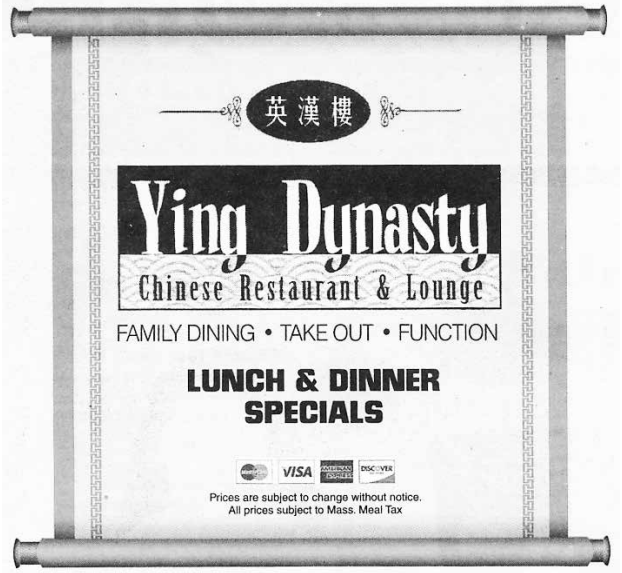
ORRHS students performed better than the state average on questions about poetry, informational texts and when asked to make inferences about characters in fictional texts.

Action steps for ELA at the high school level will teach students how to identify the rhetorical situation of a writing assignment, incorporate more comparison/



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Math is an area of strength at both the junior and senior high schools, and the high school plans to incorporate MCAS-related subjects including Biology (mitosis in particular) into MCAS test preparation.

In her summation, Fedorowicz said ORR was above the state average and better than they were last year. That noted, she said, "We need to address the whole child," focusing on lingering effects of the pandemic from remote education and return-to-school protocols, etc.

In other business, the committee voted to approve the American Field Service Club's field trip to New York City.

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The committee reviewed the draft school calendar for 2024-25; Nelson said he would like to see the Joint School Committee act on the calendar at its January meeting.

The committee approved a list of items for disposal.

In his Financial Report to the committee, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber estimated that there remains $1,100,000 in the district's operating budget (not including capital approved in previous budgets.) McSweeny publicly thanked Barber for his work.

Nelson said that with debt soon to come off the rolls, it has become prudent for the administration to spend the next few months going through one school building per week to gain information that will facilitate decisions later this winter.

Subbing for Smith, Monteiro used the Chairperson's Report to express appreciation for all the effort, partnership and respect that the committee has returned to in this "quieter year so far" and the committee's ability to "work together as we have,"

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Nelson pointed to the change in athletic seasons, the relaunch of an alumni committee and ORR's production of "Romeo & Juliet" which was opening on the night of the meeting. "A lot of great stuff happening," he said.

Fedorowicz said that the prior week's Project 351 kickoff for teachers and student leaders provided a great opportunity. ORR is in Year 2 now of Project 351, and the district is "moving fast and progressing very quickly." Fedorowicz said there are indicators that ORR is already being viewed as a potential model for the implementation of the program, and she credited Lauren Mallette of the Guidance Department for leading the charge.

Nelson publicly thanked former Boston Celtics guard Dana Barros for sharing his story with Project 351 students.

The ORR Unified Basketball Team was scheduled to cap off its undefeated season by playing against local Fire and Police on Tuesday, November 21, at ORRHS. Devoll also pointed to the football team's upcoming Thanksgiving Day game at Apponequet and Friday's alumni soccer game.

Sippican Healthcare Center has responded with a warm letter of appreciation from participants in ORR's National Honor Society Memoir project organized by Al Caron, in which senior citizens shared their life stories and students created journals to be shared with their

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families.

Coellner said that the Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet is coming back.

Student representative Jaymison Gunschel introduced new student representative Ezra Thompson.

Reporting on Mattapoisett, committee member Jim Muse announced that Old Hammondtown Principal Kevin Tavares, after 30 years of service, is retiring at the end of the school year. "I've known Kevin for 30 years … fantastic educator and fantastic person, and I wish him the best," said Muse.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 pm in the ORRJH media room, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Pete on the Street
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
3:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bourne
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday November 24, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM ORR Pep Rally
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Cape Verde Through My Eyes with Rick DaSilva
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday November 25, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
2:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
8:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs GNBV at Gillette Stadium
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday November 26, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
2:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
3:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Art Center
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday November 27, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Marion Institute - Weird Climate Chaos
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
7:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now

Tuesday November 28, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday November 29, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion School Committee
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
6:00 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
6:30 PM Marion School Committee
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board
9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Select Board
7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 8
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
6:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Sippican JR Reporters
9:00 AM Old Hammondtown News
10:00 AM ORR Promenade
10:30 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman
11:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:30 PM ORR Spring Concert
3:00 PM ORRJHS Drama - Alien Invasion!
4:00 PM ORR Music Department Tribute
5:00 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition
5:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
8:00 PM ORR FORM Concert
9:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2022
11:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2019

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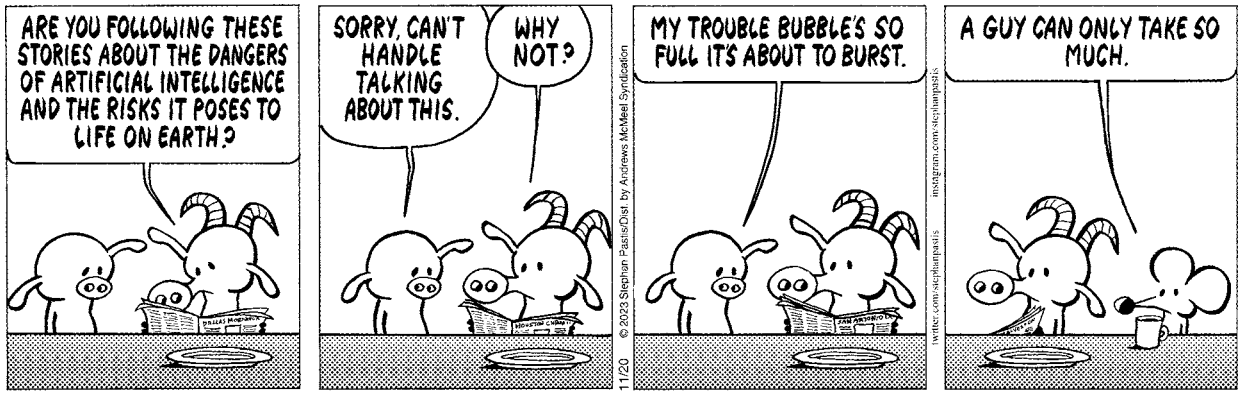

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To the Editor

What a great ten days for the Town of Mattapoisett. At the November 6th Town Meeting we brought closure to matters surrounding Tinkham Forest – following twenty years of discussion, debate and votes dealing with the preservation of the Forest and access to the Forest. Town meeting also approved significant funds

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to finally begin to address in a major way the substantial work that needs occur at our Town Barn on Mendell Road. We have known for years of the hazards at this building from a public safety perspective and from an EPA regulatory viewpoint – and we are now on track for meaningful improvements. Bringing Old Slough Road up to acceptable, usable standards has been a topic of public safety conversation since at least Hurricane Bob in 1991 – and numerous times since when Point Connett and Crescent Beach have been cut off from Route 6 resulting from storm flooding and road damage – Town Meeting approval to proceed with this project is much appreciated by many. Eight years ago, the Town kicked off an effort to update the roads and sidewalks on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and surrounding areas. At the most recent Select Board Meeting, the Board voted to proceed with the design offered by the Town Consultant – putting the Town on the path to secure $8 million of State funds towards this effort.

Positive movement on all four projects is certainly good news for all of us. There is still lots of work to be done around Town – but getting four long-time lingering projects off the field is Big. It is important that we recognize the hard work done to get us to this point. In each case, our Town Administrator Mike Lorenco along with our Assistant Administrator Katie Stephanian picked the ball off the field and managed the plays to get the ball to the goal line – for Town Meeting and Select Board action to score the play. On top of this, Mike has given us a new look at Town Finances – not just a healthy Balance Sheet to look at, but a very clear understanding of the evolution of the dollars and cents that we look at and

OBITUARIES

Helen G. Johnston (Bettencourt, DeConinck) of Clayton NY passed away peacefully Friday, November 3rd at the Samaritan Keep Nursing Home in Watertown, NY.

She was born in Watertown on February 29th, 1932, to the late William and Helen (Dygert) Graf. She was a long-time resident of Mattapoisett, MA, where she raised her children and three of her grandchildren.

Helen served as a home health care aide and she loved riding Morgan horses and breeding St. Bernard dogs as well as watching football, basketball, Gunsmoke, and the Kentucky Derby.

Helen is survived by three of her children: Joseph Bettencourt Jr., Carol McCauslin and Katherine Bettencourt, two siblings: Phyllis Johnson and David Graf, six grandchildren: Joeseph Bettencourt III, Ronald Ewan, Carol Leigh Ewan Carvalho, Mike McCauslin, Jim McCauslin and Tony Dewitt, as well as eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen is predeceased by her parents, her brother William "Beano" Graf, two children Paul and Debra Bettencourt, one grandson Daniel Ewan, and her best-friend Bubba.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Parish in Mattapoisett, MA on December 16th, 2023 at 10am. Helen will be laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in New Bedford, MA.

Ralph E. Parsons, 75, aka "Rocky", aka "Ralphy", aka "Dad", aka "Papa Ralph", finally allowed his big, generous, fun loving heart to retire peacefully yesterday at his home at Dexter Beach in Marion. Ralph's heart had quite the amazing history. It took its first marvelous thumps in New Haven, CT. His mother Rita, his father Ralph, his brother Gary and his sister Barbara were the first to experience the joy in Ralphy's heart. It was then stolen early on by his beautiful wife of 57 years, Diana (Hedin) Parsons, in the classrooms and hallways of Natick High School. It entertained and delighted friends and family everywhere he took it. Ralph's heart loved to beat on the dance floor, and pumped laughs and frivolity from him at every party, gathering, cookout or dart night he ever attended. Ralph's heart had no boundaries, and allowed him to make friends wherever he went. As a Purveyor of Pickles, a Package Store Proprietor, a Video Vendor, and an Ice Cream Creator, Ralph never let his heart get bored, as new adventures lay around every corner.

Ralph's heart was broken more than once, especially with the passing of his two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Tracy. But it swelled with pride often, over his son Ken and his wife Darla, Tracy's husband Doug, and Ralph and Diana's 6 wonderful grandchildren – Desera, Travis, Kassidy, Holden, Skyler and Kirsten. Most recently, it nearly burst with love for his 4 great-grandchildren – Ryker, Emry, Everly and Mazen.

Ralph was the man who taught other men how to be friends, husbands and fathers. Suffice to say, if you were lucky enough to love or be loved by this man, then you know the world would be a much better place if everyone was like him. He (and his beautiful heart) will be missed, but never forgotten.

Services will be private. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.warehamvillagefuneralhome.com

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more importantly, Mikes financial presentations provides us all with a story of where we are and we're going as a community – always with options to shift course if we all agree is the prudent thing to do. We are fortunate to have Mike Lorenco as the Town's quarterback. (Mike is free on Sunday's – could be an opportunity for Bill Belichick)
Chuck McCullough, Mattapoisett

Christmas by the Sea Bazaar

Please join us at the 56th Annual "Christmas by the Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 2** from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Anthony's Parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Many handcrafted gifts and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, seashell trees, ornaments, holiday decorations, seashell window art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items, driftwood creations, seascape prints, note cards, T-shirts and so much more. Credit cards accepted.

When you arrive, you'll be greeted with live holiday music and as always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greenery arrangements, parish ornament, gift basket and art raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: $1,000, 2nd prize: $500, 3rd prize: $250), Gift Boutique (in addition to vendors), Toy Shoppe with toys, books, cookie decorating and games, a visit by Santa and baked goods.

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony - St. Rita Parish Initiatives. For more information, please contact Linda Quinn at 508-758-8698.

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TriTown Happenings

The Mattapoisett Museum held its annual holiday craft fair on November 18. Handcrafted works from gifted artisans included jewelry, ornaments, paintings and children's items. Photos by Marilou Newell

Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 hosted its annual Soapbox Derby on Sunday morning on Holmes Street, where children competed in races in homemade racecars. Finishing first was James Whipple of Marion Pack 32, and in second place was Mason Rivera of Rochester Pack 30. Photos by Mick Colageo

Marysarah Riggs shared this photo of restoration work being done on the Mattapoisett Museum.

On November 15, the Marion Natural History Museum's community group enjoyed a presentation on the geology of cranberry bogs with USDA soil scientist Maggie Payne. We heard about the glaciers that covered our area and left glacial moraines or hills in some areas of our state, as well as glacial outwash in our area. The Museum wishes to thank Maggie Payne for sharing her incredible knowledge of these areas with us. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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photos of your old favorite designs to help inspire us in designing some new merchandise.

Mattapoisett Library Free Safety Courses

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is pleased to announce two free safety courses aimed at equipping the community with life-saving skills.

On Tuesday, **November 28** at 5 pm and Thursday, **November 30** at 1 pm, GMEC will be at the Mattapoisett Library providing First Aid, CPR and AED Training. This course provides the non-healthcare provider (layperson) the skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. This course is taught as a combination of First Aid and CPR/AED and provides the requirements for Department of Early

Movie Review

The Master

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Albert Brooks: Defending My Life. **A documentary directed by Rob Reiner. Running time: 88 minutes. Now streaming on MAX.**

There are days when Albert Brooks' *Lost in America* strikes me as the greatest American comedy film. It certainly has the funniest scene I've ever seen — the one where Brooks, playing a yuppie who's dropped out of society with his wife Julie Hagerty, is trying to convince casino manager Garry Marshall to give back the nest egg Hagerty has lost at the table. Brooks' character brings in every marketing strategy he knows — "The Desert Inn has heart" is the jingle he comes up with off the cuff — and Garry Marshall, in the brief, great performance that redeems every crappy rom-com he ever directed, can't quite believe what he's hearing.

That movie is essentially made out of two-hander scenes — Brooks talking at various people, trying to impose his will. *Albert Brooks: Defending My Life,* the new MAX documentary directed by Brooks' longtime friend Rob Reiner, is also largely a two-hander — Brooks and Reiner sitting in a restaurant chewing over Brooks' career. (When they're not talking, Reiner interviews other luminaries like Steven Spielberg, Judd Apatow, Larry David, Sarah Silverman, and many more.) Here, Brooks is in a more reflective (though no less funny) mode. Reiner nudges him to talk about this or that — Brooks' father Harry Einstein, or "Parkyakarkus"; his early variety-show appearances, leading to Carson, *SNL,* and his sporadic gigs as a film director, spanning 26 years and only seven films. But, Brooks fans will tell you, they were the right seven films.

Reiner and his crew have dug up lots of vintage clips of Brooks plying his trade of meta-comedy — ironic comedy that went for laughs based on the staleness of the comedy tropes on display. In that respect, Brooks shared conceptual DNA with some other comedy stars waiting to pop, like Steve Martin or David Letterman or Andy Kaufman. Everyone in this movie, young and old, considers Brooks the cream of the crop, the ultimate comedians' comedian. Brooks played with the toys of stage comedy, broke them, and got laughs anyway because he understood how they were *supposed* to work. Doing a bit about an inept ventriloquist, he could be funnier than a slickly done ventriloquist act could ever be.

We get a glimpse of the titanic Brooks/Marshall bout, though I would've been just as happy if Reiner had let it run in full. 1991's *Defending Your Life* has its fans, though I was a cynic barely into my twenties when it came out, and it impressed me as sentimental in a way that betrayed Brooks' astringent prior films. But the clips shown here reveal Brooks trying to make an honest-to-Pete old-fashioned Hollywood crowd-pleaser, no shell of protective irony this time, complete with happy ending and the music rising. It probably warrants another look. I was happy to see Brooks' overlooked *The Muse* well-represented, with its surefire cameos. (Which I shouldn't spoil; I recommend you check out *The Muse* before watching this documentary, so the cameos stay fresh. Trust me, it's good, with maybe my favorite Sharon Stone performance.)

The documentary is less a movie than a spin-off of Reiner's and Brooks' friendship, though it's a more simply pleasurable and successful entertainment than anything Reiner has directed in too many years. Reiner does a decent job of establishing why Brooks became what he did, a titan held in equal awe by Carson and Kubrick. Like Reiner, Brooks literally had comedy in his DNA. Unlike Reiner, Brooks lost his father fairly young, and maybe there was an element of Brooks taking up his fallen father's sword. That would be the superhero origin story. Brooks' real story is more subtle, that of a young man who sought, consciously or otherwise, to understand his dad through comedy, and ended up understanding comedy better than anyone. Most of the true subject here, though, is not Brooks' life but his *mind*. By the evidence here, it is, at 76, as acute as ever.

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Education and Care (ECC) standards. This training runs approximately 3 hours in length. Registration is required.

We will also be offering a Babysitter Training Course for the New and Seasoned Sitters with Beth Oleson on Wednesday, **November 29** at 4:30 pm. This is intended to be an intermediate babysitting training course for students ages 11 to 15. Topics covered will include: Bedtime, mealtime, discipline, first aid, hands only CPR, contracts and ethics. This class is expected to run for 3.5 hours and participants are welcome to bring dinner or a snack. Registration is required.

Those interested can register for these programs at MattapoisettLibrary.org. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library.

Mattapoisett Library Holiday Open House

Join the Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership and the Mattapoisett Library for a Holiday Open House on Saturday, **December 2** at 2:00 pm. Members of the Partnership will have upcycled crafts, a gift-wrapping station, and holiday snacks for all ages to enjoy. Bring gifts you purchased from the local Christmas Fairs to wrap away from prying eyes. We have all the supplies you'll need. Plus, check out other ways to make your holidays sustainable with the Partnership's handy brochure.

For more information about this event, call the library at 508.758.4171 or email to mfpl@sailsinc.org.

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Upcoming Programs at the MNHM

Wings of History with the Marion Natural History Museum community group. On **November 29**, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, please join us in crafting a distinctive butterfly mobile for the museum. We will be drawing inspiration from the detailed illustrations of Maria Sibylla Merian. In this workshop, participants will combine historical accuracy with modern design to produce a captivating display that will hang above our antique butterfly case. Together, we'll recreate life-sized butterflies, capturing the essence of their natural

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Nov 12-Nov 18
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Marvel St – Disturbance/family
- Planting Island Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – MV stop/arrest
- Parkway Ln – Suspicious activity
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Structure fire
- Converse Rd – General service
- Front St – Burglar alarm
- Mill St – General service
- Spring St – Emergency services
- Converse Rd – Animal control
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Boxberry Way – Officer wanted
- Marconi Ln – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Crapo St – General service
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Creek Rd – General service
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Order of Protection
- Field Stone Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Nov 12-Nov 18
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – 911 call
- Grand View Av – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- Noyes Ave – MV crash
- Industrial Dr – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Property returned
- Water St – MV lockout
- County Rd – MV violations
- North Woods Ln – MV violations
- Mendell Rd – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – Ambulance request
- Driscoll Ln – General service
- Angelica Ave – General service
- Church St Ext – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Fairview Dr – Ambulance request
- Neds Point Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Ocean Breeze Ln – Follow up
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Stolen MV
- Chapel Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Prince Snow Cir – 911 call
- Brandt Island Rd – Safe keeping

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Nov 12-Nov 18
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- County Rd - Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- County Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln - Larceny
- Paradise Ln – Follow up
- County Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Hwy - Threats
- North Ave – Well being check
- Walnut Plain Rd – Public assist
- North Ave – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Jasons Ln – Medical alarm
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- North Ave – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV collision
- Pierce St – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- Bates Rd – Animal control
- North Ave - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – Appliance fire
- Bennett Rd - Fraud

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Nov 27: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, snowflake roll, pineapple
Tuesday, Nov 28: Cheeseburger, ketchup, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, hamburger roll, tropical fruit
Wednesday, Nov 29: Crustless chicken pie, mashed potatoes, biscuit, iced banana cake, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, Nov 30: Pot roast, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple
Friday, Dec 1: Salmon with lemon dill sauce, roasted potatoes, garlic green beans, oatmeal bread, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 27: Kayem hot do on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Nov 28: Loaded tator tots nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, tator tots
Thursday, Nov 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 1: No menu available

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Nov 27: Kayem hot do on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Nov 28: Loaded tator tots nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, tator tots
Thursday, Nov 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 1: No menu available

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 27: Kayem hot do on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Nov 28: Loaded tator tots nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, tator tots
Thursday, Nov 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 1: No menu available

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Nov 27: Kayem hot do on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Nov 28: Loaded tator tots nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, tator tots
Thursday, Nov 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 1: No menu available

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 27: Kayem hot do on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Nov 28: Loaded tator tots nachos, warm soft pretzel
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, tator tots
Thursday, Nov 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 1: No menu available

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Nov 27: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll
Tuesday, Nov 28: Dino nuggets & fries
Wednesday, Nov 29: Bagel pizza & salad
Thursday, Nov 30: Sloppy Joe's & fries
Friday, Dec 1: Assorted pizza

movement. Be part of this collaborative effort where art, history, and science converge. No prior art experience required. To RSVP, please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org/login.

On Wednesday, **November 29** from 3:30 to 4:30 the Marion Natural History Museum afterschool group will design their own perfect watershed. Let's build mountains, lakes, rivers, houses and farms in our stream table and explore what happens when you add water. Participants will get a little messy, so please dress accordingly. To register, please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Good Shepherd Christmas Fair

The Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, **December 2** from 9-2 pm. There will be baked goods, jellies and jams, children's gift room for shopping ages 12 and under, crafts, gift baskets, jewelry, raffle, scarves, Christmas greens and used Christmas decorations. Come and get in the spirit of the holiday and help support the many outreach programs at Good Shepherd. Masks will be optional.

Rochester Historical Society Holiday Organ Sing

The Rochester Historical Society will be hosting a Holiday Organ Sing at 2:00 on **December 10** at the historical museum 355 County Road. We will have music and refreshments to celebrate the upcoming holiday. There is no charge (though donations to our organ fund are always greatly appreciated) but we ask everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen to be donated to a local charity.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

In early New England, settlers from England were familiar with both harvest festivals and days of thanksgiving. While today these two events have merged into our Thanksgiving holiday, in early New England, they were separate. A day of thanksgiving usually called for a lengthy church service, while a harvest festival was a coming together to feast on the fruit of the community's hard work and successful harvest.

A totally different menu was served at the feasts or celebrations of the local Native Americans. When Captain Benjamin Church and Awashonks, the Squaw Sachem of the Narragansetts, were seeking an alliance during the Indian wars, the Captain was invited to a feast. The dinner consisted of fried eel, flatfish, and shellfish cooked in the same manner as today's clambakes.

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12 Wordplay bits
16 Jump
19 Tiny country in Europe
20 Similar
21 Woodwind instrument
22 Spring mo.
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26 Winning sign
27 Sinuous
28 2003 Tony winner for "Movin' Out" choreography
30 Vamp player in "Singin' in the Rain"
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37 Writer Jaffe
38 Vast period
39 Doggy doc
40 Part of TNT
42 "The Wedding Singer" director Frank
44 Magical land of C.S. Lewis
46 Noted performer in a Greek tunic and bare feet
50 "Honest" prez
51 Southwestern grassy plain
54 Feature of "Christmas"
55 Raises
56 San — Zoo
58 Soda holders
60 Inflict on
61 "Su-u-ure"
62 1947 Tony winner for "Brigadoon" choreography
66 Suture
67 Throng
68 Zodiac cat
69 "Water" star Michael
71 Greek vowel
73 Imitated
76 Camera type, in brief
79 "Top Hat" co-star
85 Fishing aids
86 Take to heart
88 "Horrors!"
89 Rival of U.S. Grant
90 Rink surface
91 Laundromat dryers, e.g.
94 Radio booth notification
96 Golf standard
97 Royal Ballet legend awarded the 1977 Shakespeare Prize
100 City due west of Chicago
102 Historical records
103 Birthday topic
104 Ascot, e.g.
106 — Spumante
107 Sauce brand
108 Doctrine
111 Prima ballerina famous for her "Dying Swan"
114 Courtesan whom King Ludwig I made Countess of Landsfeld
117 Bush replacer
118 Yale alum
119 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" gift (and what this puzzle features)
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127 Yemen locale
128 Cocooned stages
129 Many a web surfer
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131 Smell bad
132 Deficient
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10 Nickname lead-in
11 Proceeded
12 Coral colony member
13 Curved fastening bar
14 — Scotia
15 Marine fish of the western Atlantic
16 West Indies' largest city
17 Outerwear for some high-culture shows
18 Get ready
24 Have the gall
25 — Jima
29 Tooting thing
30 Trudeau's country
31 "About this large," informally
32 Original Mouseketeer — Tracey
33 Channel for Wolf Blitzer
34 Parts of city grids: Abbr.
35 Noted times
41 Tyrant Amin
42 Structure for storing music
43 Some ctrs. of learning
45 "You win"
46 Charged, as particles
47 From long ago
48 Autos from long ago
49 Kitty chip
52 Maven
53 "Rambo" war zone, in brief
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59 Smelting junk
61 GIF or JPEG
63 Throw a few back in a bar
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65 Kin of -ess
70 Goad
72 Baseball executive Joe
73 Jungian inner personality
74 Sticky, nutty treats
75 Endlessness
77 Onetime teen idol Garrett
78 Nevada city
80 Suffix with Caesar
81 Nutrition amt.
82 Texas city
83 1990s "caught on tape" series
84 Belgrade site
87 Dress in
91 In a pillared structure
92 Educ. org.
93 Onetime rival of Atari
95 Diagrams for brainstorming
98 Infatuated
99 Deep longing
101 — Kan (classic dog food brand)
104 Typewriter formatting aid
105 Apple tablet
108 Kind of navel
109 T-bone, e.g.
110 Brooks of film
112 A lack of musical skill
113 Actress Vivian
114 Jump
115 French river
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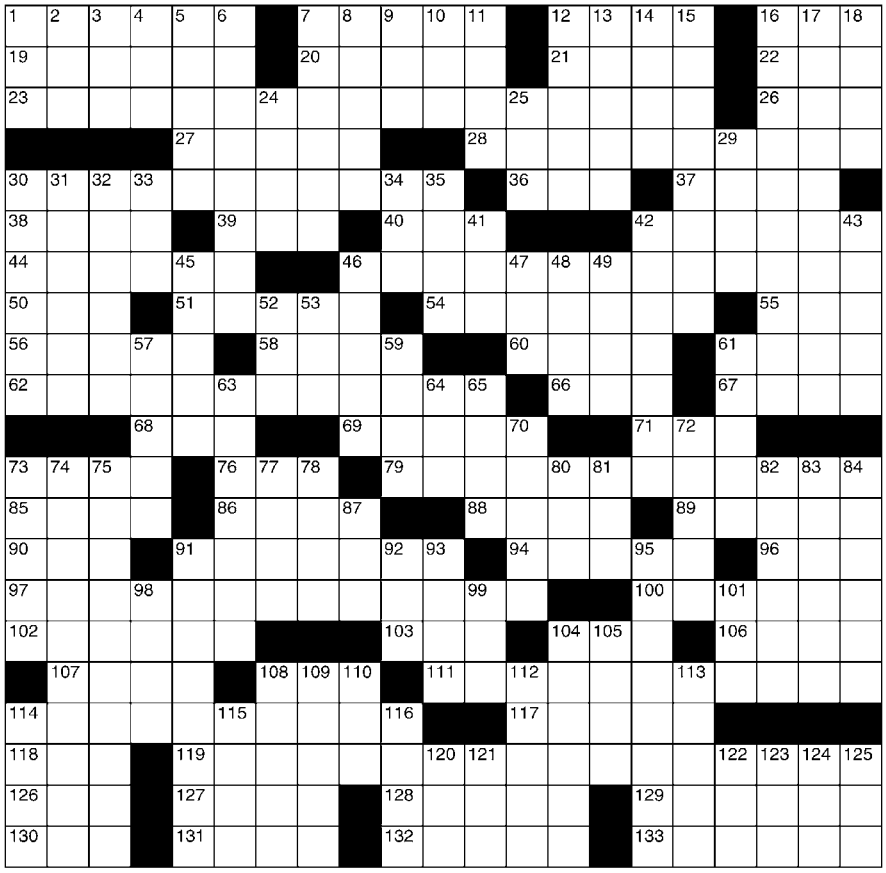
121 NYSE event
122 — laude
123 Enabler of web access
124 Once named
125 Mutt's noise



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You often let others complete projects that you've started, but you'd be wise to stick with this one if you hope to make that important professional impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As you begin to shop for holiday presents, be sure to put yourself on your list for a well-earned special gift. (Perhaps that trip you've been putting off for so long?)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's decision-making time in the workplace. Use your communication talents to put your case for a promotion in the best light. In addition, a family member has news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You continue to see progress in both your personal and professional aspects. But be careful not to allow holiday pressures to erupt and cause new problems.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You relish being surrounded by the bright lights of the holiday season, but be careful that they don't blind you from seeing the true motives behind a friend's recent behavior.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "Flexibility" remains your watchword at this time. Expect more changes in your plans. But stay the course, and you'll soon enjoy smooth sailing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Recent family problems have simmered down for the holidays, but they're still boiling beneath the surface. Expect new support in your search for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Holiday plans could include long-delayed reunions with people you loved in the past and still keep close to your heart. Reach out to them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Opposites attract in physics, but not necessarily between humans. Be wary of a relationship with which you don't feel comfortable.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That business decision finally can be made now that you have the facts to back it up. You could also get a surprise offer to do some holiday traveling.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your circle of friends widens as new people come into your life. An old friend urges you to reconsider travel plans that you once put aside.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a warm and generous nature, but be careful that it doesn't get out of control during these holiday times. Make careful decisions and stick to them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for seeing beyond the obvious. You also have a sense of curiosity that makes you want to discover hidden places.

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Everything was steamed together on heated rocks covered with seaweed.

The story of this feast influenced the planners of both the 200th and 250th anniversary celebrations of Old Rochester. The 200th anniversary was a one-day affair of many speeches interrupted in the middle by a clambake to feed the hungry attendees. The 250th had many more events and spanned several days, but it also featured a large clambake for those who bought tickets.

The picture with this article is from the 1936 anniversary party. Today clambakes have become events of summer unconnected to any celebration other than the love of steamed clams. The Rochester Historical Society wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving no matter what you may be having for dinner.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Greens Sale

The Fourth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, **December 2** at the Old Fire Station on Route 6 at Barstow Street, from 9:00 am until we're sold out or 1:00 pm, whichever comes first. Please note, last year everything was gone by 10:30 am.

This year's offerings include handmade fresh wreaths, beautiful swags, stunning table decorations, gorgeous post and note cards, and a singular array of homemade dated ornaments. The selection of greens items is amazing, more so because everything has been handcrafted under the guidance of this year's Newport Floral Show's award-winning designers Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins.

As if the show and sale are not enough, we may also have a visitor from the North Pole stopping by to pick up something to beautify his warm, comfy home for the holidays as well. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

We hope to see you at the warm, festive, and dry (in case of snow or rain) Old Fire Station on Route 6 on Saturday morning, **December 2**, from 9:00 till we're sold out. There, members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be ready to help you choose your favorite greens and/or handmade ornaments from the dazzling array of items available at the Fourth Annual MWC's Greens Sale.

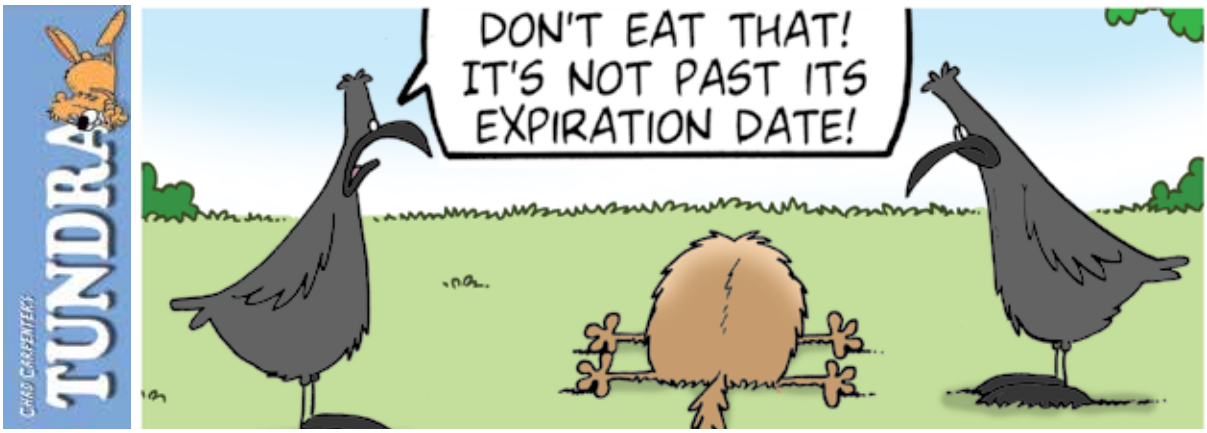
Profits from this and all fundraisers support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Funds and other community endeavors.

RHS Museum Hours

The Rochester Historical Society Museum will be open on Sunday from 1:00-3:00 on **November 26**. This will be our last Sunday opening until December 10, but you can always call Sue at 508 295 8908 or Connie 617 750 2818 to arrange a visit.

Mattapoisett Library

Jim Parker, whose folk art watercolors are on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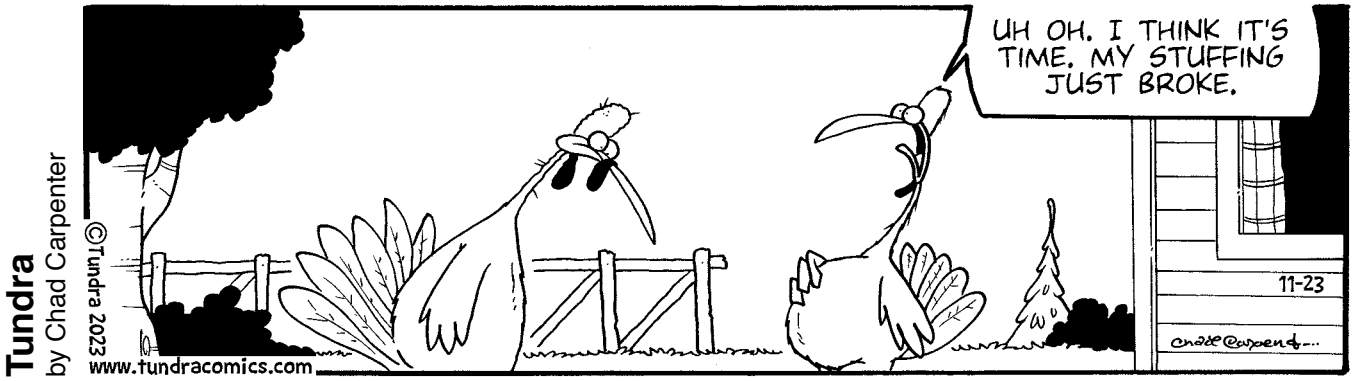
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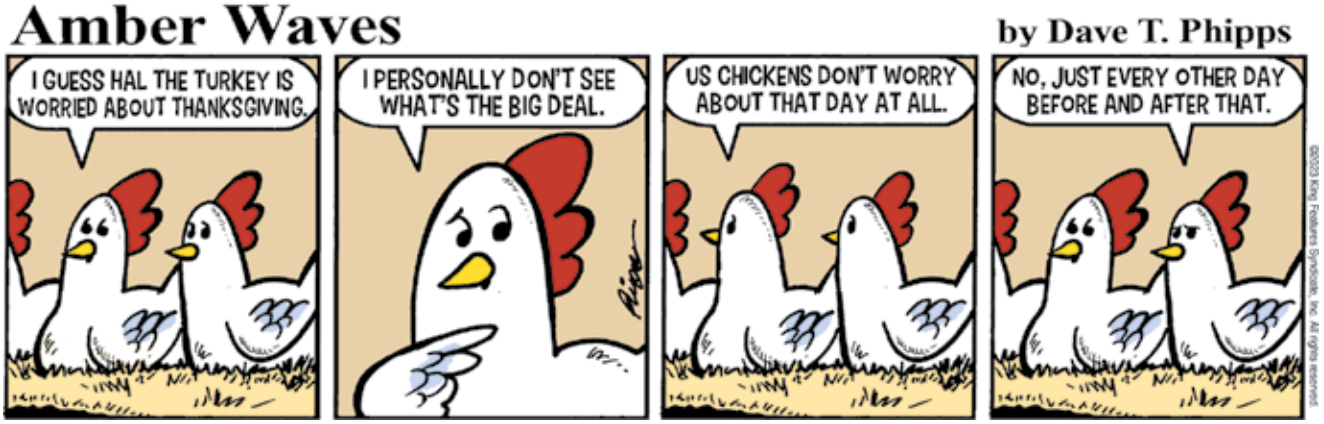
Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
I GUESS HAL THE TURKEY IS WORRIED ABOUT THANKSGIVING.
I PERSONALLY DON'T SEE WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL.
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display at the Mattapoisett Library during the month of November, will be providing instruction on how to paint a watercolor of the historic SouthCoast on Sunday, **November 26**. Parker has painted hundreds of paintings, and his goals and motivations for his folk art paintings are to recreate historic events, sites, and people's activities. By illustrating the past, each painting supplements our history rather than just reading about it in a book. There will be two sessions: one for children from ages 6 – 12 (must be accompanied by an adult) from 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm and the other for teens and adults from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Sketch pencils, erasers, and watercolor paper will be provided, and Parker's expertise and suggestions will be available to all. Attendees can then bring their masterpieces home and paint their sketches. Suggestions for what paints and brushes to use will be offered. Free to all.

Sisters in Crime New England for Mystery Making

Avoid the post-Thanksgiving blues by joining four fantastic local mystery authors for Mystery Making on Saturday, **November 25** at 2 pm. For this interactive presentation, Maureen Boyle, Sharon Healy-Yang, Stephen Rogers and Sharon Ward will brainstorm on their feet to create a brand new mystery, using suggestions from the audience. Come be part of the fun.

Maureen Boyle is the author of two true-crime books, Shallow Graves: The Hunt for the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer and The Ghost: The Murder of Police Chief Greg Adams and the Hunt for His Killer. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in criminal justice. She is now the journalism program director at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

Sharon Healy-Yang's passion for films and books created during the 1930s-50s, with their blend of sharp wit, humor, and dark suspense inspired her to write, Bait and Switch, a mystery/romance set in 1943 and a finalist in the National Indie Excellence Awards, as well as its sequels: the noir-inflected Letter from a Dead Man and Always Play the Dark Horse.

Stephen Rogers is the author of Shot to Death, Three-Minute Mysteries, and more than 900 shorter pieces. He is President of MWA/NE and Co-chair of the New England Crime Bake Committee.

Sharon Ward is the author of the Fin Fleming Scuba Diving Mystery Series, which includes In Deep, Sunken Death, Dark Tide, Killer Storm, Hidden Depths and Sea Stars. Rip Current, the seventh book, will be released in late 2023. She lives near Cape Cod with her husband Jack and their miniature long-haired dachshund Molly, the actual head of the Ward household.

No registration is required for this event, which is a Purrington Lecture Series program sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust. Contact the library at (508) 758-4171 with any questions or email to mfpl@sailsinc.org

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WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number 23-WW01-0121-APP
Site Location: 28 West Avenue, Marion, MA
Elizabeth Luther
NOTIFICATION DATE: November 27, 2023

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by the Elizabeth Luther to reconstruct and maintain a stone groin at 28 West Avenue in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Sippican Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/ (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact carlos.fragata@state.ma.us or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 413-3768 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 11/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2023 on the request for a permit authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board for, the cutting and removal of the following: Maple Tree DBH 2'x 5'x 40' located at 12 Barstow Street, Barstow Street being a designated scenic way in Town; Maple Tree DBH 3'x 8' x 40' located at 4 Marion Road, Marion Road being a designated scenic way in Town; and Ash Tree DBH 2' x 6' x 50' located at 12 North Street, North Street being a designated scenic way in Town. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed). 11/23, 11/30

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Marc Wilson, 88 Miller Street, Middleboro, MA 02346 for property located at 0 Bishop Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 71 on Assessor's Map 43A. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling with on-site well, septic, and associated grading within the buffer zone.

The applicant's representative is Darren Michaelis, Foresight Engineering, 518 County Road (Wishbone Way), West Wareham, MA 02576. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

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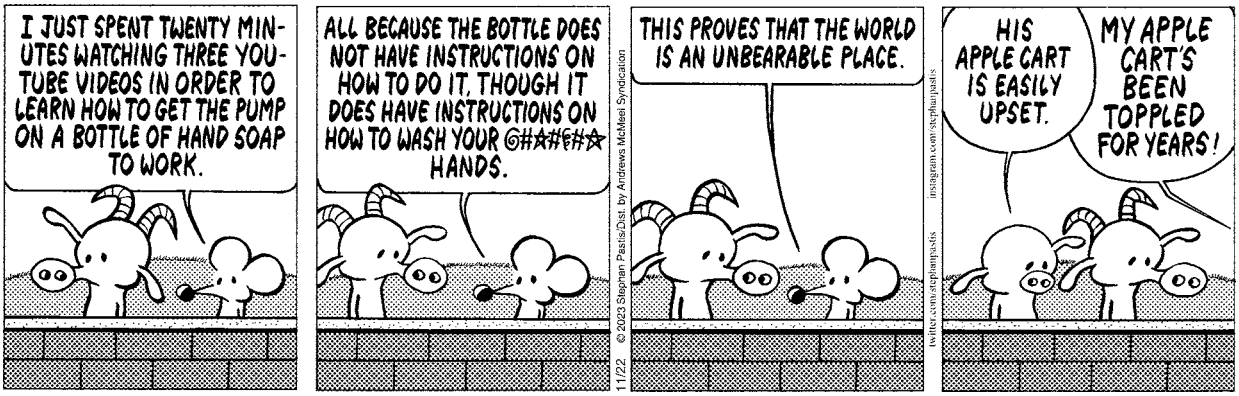

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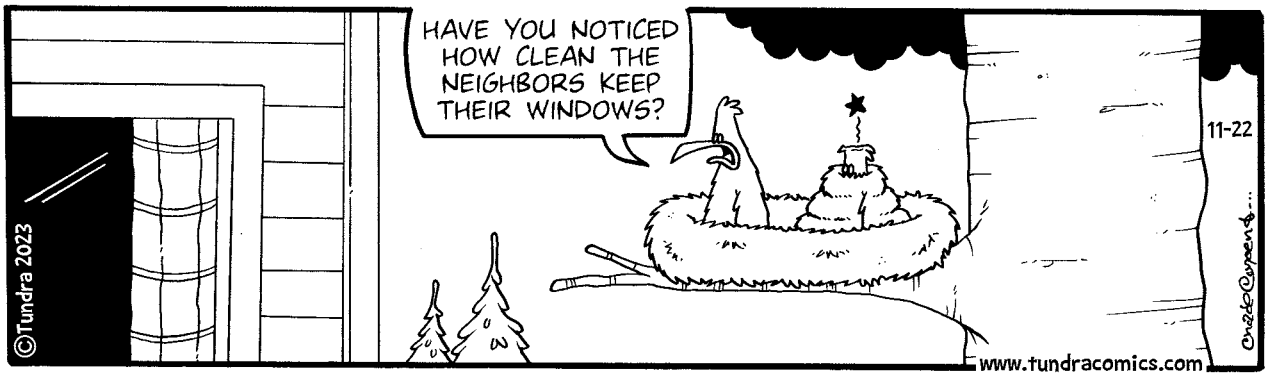


to get more information.

Black Bears in Massachusetts

On Friday, **December 8**, from 6:30 – 7:30, the Marion Natural History Museum will welcome Steven Wright and Jason Zimmer, wildlife biologists with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. They will be giving a presentation on the Black Bears in Massachusetts.

Black bears are found throughout much of the state, including southeastern Massachusetts. Let's learn what to do if you see a bear and what steps to take to protect your home and property. We'll hear a little about the life history of the black bear and why they're here.

Let's learn about our bear population so that we can be respectful toward our wild neighbors. We may need to learn to change our behavior, because bears aren't going to change theirs.

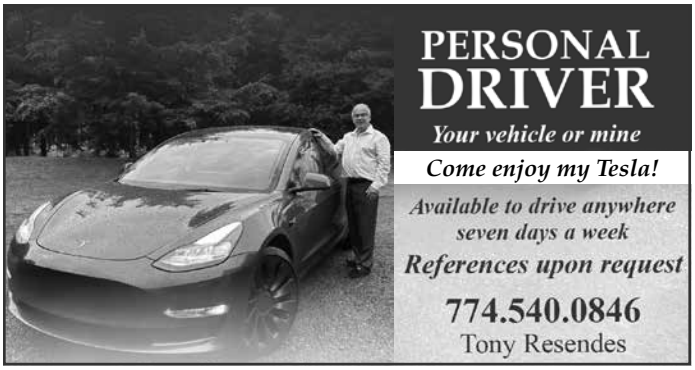
To RSVP, please go to the Marion Natural History Museum website: www.marionmuseum.org.

New Play Coming to the MAC Stage

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present Miracle on South Division Street, written by Tom Dudzick and directed by Donn Tyler and Maura Van Voris. Performance dates are **December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, and 16**. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:30 pm, while the Sunday matinee will begin at 2:00 pm. The cast includes Kate Martin, Tristan McCann, Kate Sorensen-Young and Bethany Whitehead. Stage Manager is Marisa Biever, Sound and Lighting tech is Steven McManus and set design is by Maura Van Voris.

Miracle on South Division Street is the story of the Nowak family, living in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Maybe the neighborhood is depressed, but not Clara, the family matriarch. She happily runs her soup kitchen and tends to the family heirloom – a twenty-foot shrine to the Blessed Mother, which adjoins the house. This neighborhood beacon of faith commemorates the day in 1942 when the Blessed Virgin Mary materialized in her father's barbershop. When the play opens – on Christmas Eve – a family meeting is in progress. Daughter Ruth divulges her plan to finally "go public" with the family miracle by creating a one-woman play about the sacred event. But during the course of the meeting, the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core when a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel. The results are heartfelt and hilarious.

Tickets are on sale now for MAC members ($20) and go on sale to nonmembers ($23) on **November 11**, and can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program, in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts Health Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. Learn more about the MAC's free or low cost ticket offerings at marionartcenter.org/about.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By Fifi Rodriguez
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2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
3. MOVIES: What are Indiana Jones and his father searching for in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?
4. TELEVISION: Which TV dramedy is set on Wisteria Lane?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a common Latin phrase meaning "something for something"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest fish?
7. INVENTIONS: Where was the first compass invented?
8. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is the smallest in land size?
10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for aphthous stomatitis?

Answers
1. Gale.
2. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
3. The Holy Grail.
4. "Desperate Housewives."
5. Quid pro quo.
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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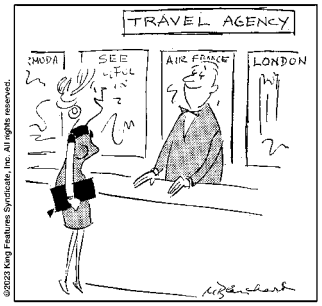

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George's Pony Pasture Stone Wall Restoration

The Rochester Land Trust has launched a fundraising campaign to restore the stone walls at "George's Pony Pasture" on Mattapoisett Road. The campaign has raised $16,000 so far, $8000 from Land Trust members and another $8000 from an anonymous donor who offered to match every dollar raised, up to $10,000. Masons began work on the wall this past weekend, and will continue through November, weather permitting.

The property is named after philanthropist and town legend George Church, whose pony often grazed in the field beyond the wall. George passed away in 2014 at the age of 90. The Rochester Land Trust acquired three properties from George by virtue of "bargain sales", where land is purchased for less than market value. All three properties offer the iconic landscapes that are indicative of the rural character that the Land Trust seeks to preserve. While only three acres in size, George's Pony Pasture has over 1,000 feet of road frontage, bounded by dry field stone walls front and back.

Russ Keeler, Treasurer at the RLT, opined "not only does this project enhance Rochester's rural character and honor George Church himself, but it also honors the now forgotten craftsmen who originally built this wall. It boggles the mind to consider the amount of effort expended to clear the field and build this wall, especially before the age of mechanized equipment. We are heartened by and grateful for the close to 50 townspeople who have supported this project so far."

It is not too late to support this project. "It is unrealistic to think we can fix the entire wall, front and back, but the more money we raise, the more of it will be restored", said Keeler. Contributions may be made to the RLT at PO Box 337, Rochester, MA 02770, or by using the PayPal link on their website at www.rochesterlandtrust.org.

After-school Programs at the MNHM

How do watersheds work? Wednesday **November 29**, 3:30 to 4:30. What is a watershed? We will be using the museum's watershed table to conduct an investigation into how a watershed reacts to certain conditions. We will be using our creativity and hands-on experiments to find the answers to some of our most common issues like pollution, erosion, flooding, sea level rise and more. Please dress to get messy. Please go to: How watersheds work - Marion Natural History Museum (marionmuseum.org.)

Whales in our waters - Wednesday **December 6**, 3:30 to 4:30. While investigating museum specimens, we'll learn a little about the whales that visit our coast each year. Some filter their food, and some use their teeth for larger prey. Where do they migrate from when they enter our waters in spring, and where do they go when the weather gets too cold? What are their relative sizes, and what are some of their habitats? Let's learn a little about these warm-blooded animals that visit us every year. To register, please go to: Whales in our waters - Marion Natural History Museum (marionmuseum.org.)

Annual Holiday Party. Wednesday, **December 13**, 3:30 to 4:30. Let's have fun at our annual holiday party. We'll be making gifts from natural and recycled materials. As usual, we will be spread out over several tables for a variety of crafts and activities. Let's get together and have fun making creative projects while enjoying some snacks and beverages. To register, please go to: Annual Holiday Party - Marion Natural History Museum (marionmuseum.org.)

Newport Playhouse Trip

Come and enjoy the fun on **December 14** as the Marion Council on Aging and the Mattapoisett Council on Aging travel to the Newport Playhouse. Transportation will be provided and will leave the Marion COA at 10:30 am and arrive back at approximately 5:15 pm.

You will enjoy a scrumptious buffet with lots of delicious food to choose from, a wonderful and funny play – "Miracle on South Division Street" and then you will be treated to a fun-filled cabaret show. What a great way to spend the day. A cost of $94 will cover your transportation, driver's gratuity and a fun-filled day that includes great food and two great shows.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

4110 to make your reservation. Space is limited.

BBAHFH Seeking Land

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking partnerships to secure low-cost land for their next home. A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, BBAHFH mission is 'building homes, communities, and hope'. BBAHFH was first established in 1996 and serves the nine communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and Westport.

Explains Executive Director Christine Lacourse, "We are currently looking for land in our territory that is a suitable spot to build a house or duplex. Ideally, the land will be donated to BBAHFH by an individual, group or even a governmental entity. The Westport Housing Trust purchased a parcel of undeveloped land and sold it to Habitat for $1,000 for our most recent build. We can also build on city lots and rehab existing homes as well."

Ideally, the lot meets local zoning requirements, has at least 7,000 to 10,000 square feet of area, and access to amenities such as water, sewer and utilities. If no sewer is available, the lot must be able to accommodate a private septic system and needs to have minimal constraints, such as wetlands, ledge, or contamination.

Since Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, land donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to substantial tax deductions, donors can benefit from shedding unwanted taxable property and can feel good about helping families in need of housing that is affordable. Homes are built with volunteer labor and donations of land, money and materials, as well as a minimum of 300 sweat equity hours that the Habitat family invests into building their own home.

Recipients of a Habitat house must be able to demonstrate a true need for adequate shelter, have the ability to pay a low-interest mortgage, show proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence status and reside or work in the affiliate's territory.

"One reason donors love our organization is because Habitat for Humanity provides a hand up, not a handout," remarked Lacourse.

Owning a home has the potential to provide opportunities for success for families, especially for the next generation. By obtaining a home, the family has healthier surroundings and a greater sense of stability. Living in a home, children often make better grades and stay in school longer. Some further their education and grow in their careers because they have gained confidence due to the responsibility of owning a home. A new cycle begins, and it all starts with a home. Families with low-income need home ownership opportunities that are affordable to provide a healthy, stable environment for their family.

For more information on donating or volunteering, visit www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org, email Christine Lacourse at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call (508) 758-4517.

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Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 2** from 9 am to 1 pm in the Reynard Hall at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. This year's event will include homemade frozen foods, baked treats, hand knitted and crafted items, Christmas/holiday decorations, gift items, greenery for wreaths as well as jewelry, silent auction items, a kids' table and a delicious hot soup luncheon. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Real Estate Transactions

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
St, Andre Arthur F Jr TR St Andre Family 2011 RT	Botehlo, Kevin S TR Kevin S Botelho RT Botelho, Traci M TR Traci M Botelho RT	15 Shagbark Cir	Mattapoisett	11/03/2023	1,310,000.00
Eleniefsky, Gary Robert Ramocki, Katie	Sol, Steven E	110 Burgess Ave	Rochester	11/07/2023	500,000.00
Church, Benjamin Church, Leah	53 North Street LLC	53 North St	Mattapoisett	11/07/2023	539,000.00

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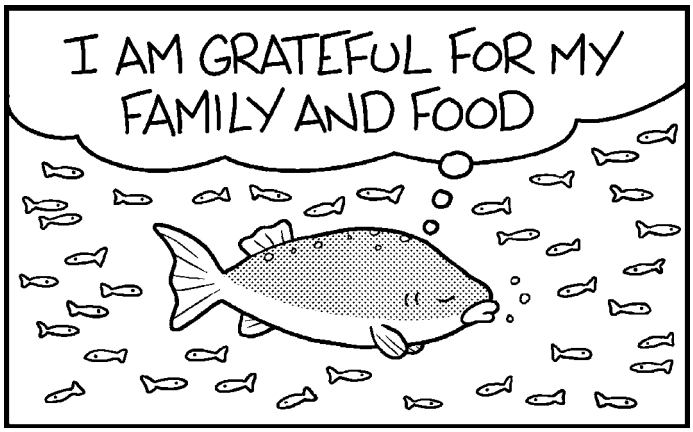

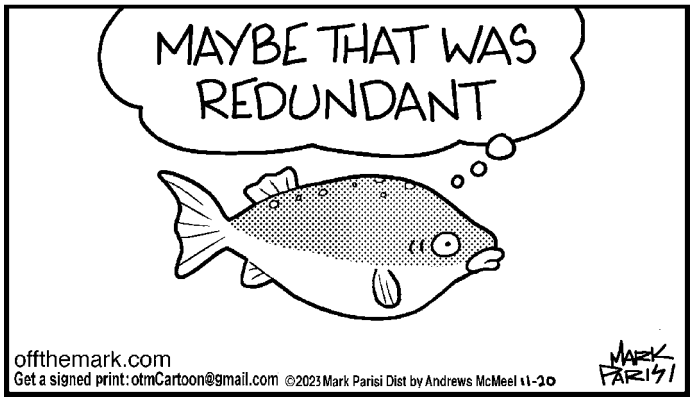

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	November 23	4:04	4:30	10:45	10:29
Friday	November 24	5:02	5:27	11:35	11:07
Saturday	November 25	5:55	6:18		12:05
Sunday	November 26	6:44	7:06	12:01	1:06
Monday	November 27	7:30	7:53	12:25	1:49
Tuesday	November 28	8:16	8:39	1:07	2:29
Wednesday	November 29	9:01	9:25	1:52	3:06
Thursday	November 30	9:47	10:13	2:36	3:42
Friday	December 1	10:35	11:03	3:21	4:20
Saturday	December 2	11:23	11:53	4:06	5:03
Sunday	December 3		12:11	4:54	5:55
Monday	December 4	12:43	12:57	5:52	6:59
Tuesday	December 5	1:32	1:41	7:06	8:00
Wednesday	December 6	2:19	2:27	8:27	8:48
Thursday	December 7	3:09	3:18	9:31	9:30
Friday	December 8	3:59	4:12	10:22	10:09
Saturday	December 9	4:47	5:04	11:06	10:48
Sunday	December 10	5:32	5:51	11:47	11:27

Phases of the Moon		
	Full Moon	November 27th
	Last Quarter	December 5th
	New Moon	December 12th
	First Quarter	December 19th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Regain 2. Deluge; 3. Caste; 4. Diner

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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5	9	6	3	7	4	2	8	1
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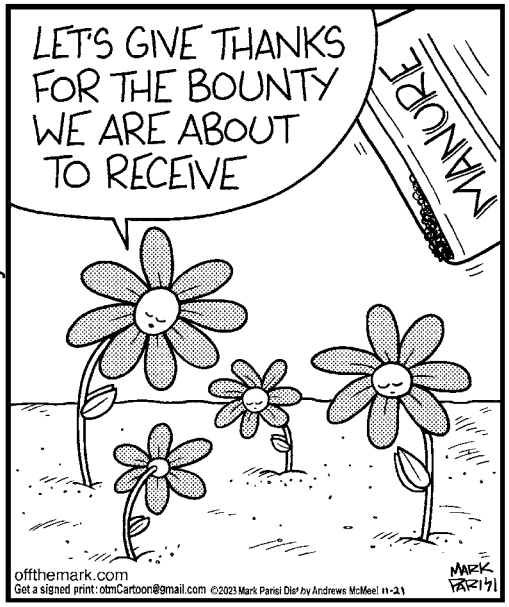

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